

- There is no hard evidence that cell phone use doesn't interfere with navigational instruments. COMMON SENSE tells you with THAT many cell waves floating through the air - it is SURE to affect the air you're flying through - ESPECIALLY if you happen to be flying an Airbus! If you know ANYTHING about an Airbus, you'll know what I'm talking about, AND, if you DON'T - you should NOT be making a decision about it! There are MANY (including pilots) who say it DOES make a difference! I even have a newspaper article which I saved which says the same - it DOES effect the navigational equipment!

It's only logical that it would! Saying it DOESN'T is like saying that other boats in the water don't affect YOUR ride on a boat! Every additional boat in the water CHANGES and directly effects your experience in the water. And, the MORE additional boats in the water, the MORE turbulent your ride will be!

- Cell phone use would enable terrorists to coordinate a plan of action more effectively. Perhaps you have forgotten about September 11, 2001 - when - without the use of cell phones terrorists were able to coordinate acts of terrorism in a very timely manner - WITHOUT the use of cell phones! Cell phones would only INCREASE that possibility, and even allow a terrorist on the ground to let someone know to AVERT their operation - because someone else was already caught - possibly allowing someone else to slip through without getting caught!

- The NPRM would leave it up to flight attendants to police the use of cell phones onboard the aircraft compromising our ability to maintain a safe, secure cabin environment and to conduct emergency evacuations.

- It would make an already tense cabin environment even more stressful.

- People speak LOUDLY when speaking on their cell phones - and an airplane is loud enough WITHOUT people screaming into their cell phones too! If cell phones are allowed, then NOTHING would stop a person from yelling into their cell phone to speak over the noise of an airplane on a night flight when EVERYONE else is trying to sleep - and there would be nothing you could do about it! If it was allowed, it would be allowed - and the time of the flight would not change those rules!

Try working on an airplane for 8-15 hours straight and listening to the noise of the airplane along WITH someone YELLING into their cell phone as well! What if they're yelling into their cell phone and a mother just finally got her screaming child to sleep!? What if they're yelling into their cell phone and you're TRYING to concentrate on reading a book, but can't hear your own self think over their conversation? What if they're yelling into their cell phone and you just flew 15 hours from Japan, and this is your last leg home and all you want to do is sleep!? What if they're yelling into their cell phone and they're having a FIGHT with their boyfriend or girlfriend on the phone - with not such a pleasant exchange of words!?

- There are people who don't abide by the rules anyway - who push the limits - and if you move the line, and are more lenient with the use of cell phones - what's next?!

- As a flight attendant, MY personal feeling is NO cell phones should be allowed to even be turned ON on an airplane - not even in an "airplane mode" because anyone can SAY it's in that mode, but that doesn't mean it is!

We have ENOUGH babysitting jobs on an airplane, without adding another! Passengers ALREADY ask flight attendants to mediate for them, "Will you tell him

to move his seat forward?" "Will you tell him to close his window?" "Will you tell him to stop kicking my seat?" "Will you tell him I need to sit there so I can sit by my wife?" We do NOT need ONE more request added to our list, "Will you tell him to SHUT UP, I'm trying to sleep - I'm trying to read - I'm trying to think - I don't WANT to hear his personal conversation!!!!?????"

This is a RIDICULOUS idea, and whomever came up with it has been very short-sighted and has NOT thought through ALL of the implications!